



### THE BEAUTY OF THE MORNING

NADYNE CLOUSE, *Marked Tree, Ark.*

Oh! the beauty of the morning  
When there's quietness and peace,  
We wonder at it, God's creation,  
Long for it to never cease.

For there's the stillest, restful feeling  
As we view the dawning gay,  
While the East with glory's beaming,  
God quietly ushers in the day.

Beauteous symbol of the new life,  
Heavenly, glorious things to come,  
When the saints have been united,  
Caught up to their Christ and home.

There to live with God forever,  
In the city of celestial light,  
Where that morning never fadeth,  
And that dawning still more bright.

As I plod along this journey  
On my holy, pilgrim way;  
Lord, help my soul to keep a vision  
Of the dawning of that day.

Make me ever to be a blessing  
To some poor, lost, undone soul.  
That they too may see the Savior,  
As we walk the streets of gold.

Then I'll know my crown will glisten  
With a starry halo too,  
If the things that you have taught me,  
I'll obey and teach and do.

### THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

# NOTICES

From the Field

The Dalton, Ga., district convention will convene May 24-26 at the Dalton church. All pastors and members are urged to attend. You are expected to bring dinner on Sunday and spend the day. Neighboring ministers and churches are invited.—J. P. Green, district overseer, Rt. 4, Dalton, Ga.

We will start a meeting at Rule, Tex. the first Sunday in June, D. V. Pray that God will bless.—Clyde Fitzgerald, Rochester, Tex.

We will have home-coming at Oneonta, Ala. the third Sunday in June. Bring your lunch and spend the day with us.—Mrs. Howard Evans, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 62, Oneonta, Ala.

The Church of God at Greer, S. C., will have home-coming day May 26, with dinner on the ground. Everybody is invited. We will start our revival May 20.—C. E. McAbee, pastor, Box 242, Greer, S. C.

To whom it may concern: The Carrollton, Ga., district Y. P. E. convention will be at Rockmart, Ga., June 1, 2. Brother Douglas, state superintendent, will be with us. We ask all churches on the district to be with us. Pray for us.—Bill Raburn, district pastor, Carrollton, Ga.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from McVeigh, Ky. to Christopher, Ky.—T. A. Richard.

The Cairo, Ga., district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention will convene at Cairo, Ga., June 15, 16. We expect all pastors, Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendents on the district to be present. Brother Roy Douglas will be with us.—Graham Oglesby, district superintendent, Box 176, Albany, Ga.

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention for the Thomaston district will convene at Thomaston, Ga. May 25, 26. A good time for all is expected. Brother Roy Douglas will be in charge.—W. H. Black, district pastor.

Our annual home-coming will convene June 2 at the Church of God at Blossom, Tex. We invite all former pastors and others. Our state and district overseers are expected to be present. Everyone welcome.—W. M. Carnes, pastor, Box 763, Blossom, Tex.

There will be home-coming day Sunday, May 26, at Pine Grove, Tenn., Church of God (on the mountain three miles from Daisy, Tenn.). Everybody is invited. — Brother Richard Chancey, clerk, Rt. 2, Soddy, Tenn.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of Mississippi: The state Sunday School banner went to Friendship this month with a large increase. The Y. P. E. banner went to Thorn with another large increase. Come on, Mississippi, let's go over the top for Jesus this year and all work harder than ever before for the honor of getting the banners. We desire the prayers of every one.—State Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Arlie Dorman.

There will be a home-coming at Kathleen, Fla., the fourth Sunday in May, the 26th. Everybody is invited. Bring a well-filled basket and let's enjoy the blessings of the Lord. — Hollis Braswell, pastor, Plant City, Fla.

To whom it may concern: My address is now Pinsonfork, Ky. I have been as-

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### MISSION BOARD MEETING

September 13-16, Beginning  
7:00 p. m., in Council Room,  
Cleveland, Tennessee

### COUNCIL OF TWELVE SESSION

September 17-26, Beginning  
9:00 a. m., in Council Room,  
Cleveland, Tennessee

### BISHOPS' COUNCIL MEETING

September 27-30, Beginning  
7:00 p. m., in Community Hall,  
Memorial Auditorium,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 1-6, Inclusive.  
First service beginning 7:00 p. m.,  
In Memorial Auditorium,  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

signed as pastor of the Church of God at McVeigh, Ky., also district pastor. I will pay each church on the district a visit as soon as possible. If you need me, let me know.—Edd Cox, Box 124, Pinsonfork, Ky.

To the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's of Alabama: The Sunday School banner was won by Thomasville for April with an increase of 214%. The Y. P. E. banner was won by Jones Chapel with a 266% increase. We thank you for your promptness.—State superintendent, T. G. Pearson, Box 97, Pratt City, Ala.

There will be a home-coming at the Kelleys Ferry Church of God the first Sunday in June. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Especially does the church wish the former

pastor, Brother John L. Byrd, to be there. — Clerk, Maude McNabb; pastor, Floyd Irwin, St. Elmo, Tenn.

There will be a home-coming at the Bridgeford, Ga., Church of God (about eight miles out from Hazlehurst, Ga.) May 26, D. V. Everyone has a cordial invitation to come be with us. Bring a basket of lunch. — G. E. Poole, pastor, Hazlehurst, Ga.

For eleven years I have hazarded my life, so to speak, for this work. Two years ago, as you know, God let us have a church. On May 24-26 we will have our first convention. If you feel led to come, do so. We will see that you get a place to sleep and eat. We will have free sleeping and only a small price for meals. Come on, and if you have friends in Chicago, write them. On the 12th, Mother's Day, we gave chicken dinner to 125 and could have fed 200. You are welcome. Come on, Illinois. Come to Madison Street, go east to Kidzee, turn to the left one-half block, then turn to left one-half block. You will be at the Church of God. Those who cannot come, pray for us as we have another church, preacher and all his church family who are looking this way.—Evangelist Amelia Shumaker, 3162 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Mother's Day has come and gone again and I am still looking for my mother. I have not heard from her in sixty years. If she or any of her people see this, please let me know. My mother's maiden name was Katherine (Kate) Bayes; her father's name was Clifton Elijah Bayes. If anyone knows anything concerning her, please let me know.—C. H. Lovlean, Landonia, Texas.

There will be a Lindsey reunion at my home the second Sunday in July, the 14th. Everybody is welcome. This is the first Lindsey reunion the Lindseys ever had in North Carolina. We want Sister Annie Lindsey to preach for us. The church at home will be with us. You will find us a mile from the Church of God. We want it to be a day for the Lord.—Sarah York, Alarka, N. C.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from 1051½ W. 46th St., Los Angeles, Calif., to Box 509, Huntington, Beach, Calif.—I. L. Benge, overseer of California, Arizona and Nevada.

Our fellowship meeting and mission rally is to be held at Lepanto, Ark. the first Sunday in June instead of the second Sunday.—W. C. Howard.

If any church desires an evangelist, we gladly recommend Brother and Sister Grugget, evangelists of California. They can be contacted at my address for the next two weeks.—B. J. Pharr, Dunlap, Tenn.

# Hell and Hades or Where Are The Dead?

Text: Luke 16:23a, "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments."

Moffatt's translation reads like this: "And as he was being tortured in Hades, he raised his eyes."

The Syriac reads thus: "And being tormented in hell, he raised his eyes afar off."

We are aware that the subject which we are going to discuss is one that is not so popular with many people today, yet we are convinced that few subjects are of greater importance in these last days of *apostasy*. In recent years we have seen the coming of a great many *isms* that have caused many to *err* from the *faith* once delivered to the saints. Among these are "Modernism," "Russellism," and "Adventism," all of which center their attack on the doctrine of a future punishment of the wicked in hell. It is not hard to understand why these, as well as some others, try to pervert the Scriptures and do away with an eternal hell. The subject is *unpleasant*, hell is not an appealing thought, and one of the best ways to evade the matter is to assume that there is no such place, and that hell, as generally understood from the Scriptures, is a misinterpretation and a mistake. But that does not do away with the matter. The best way to face the matter of hell is to seek out the truth and then the way of escape.

Very often the things that are most unpopular are at the same time most important. Possibly we can all remember several operations that were performed on us in our youth. Father or mother were the chief operators and used the hickory or strap with regularity. It was always an unpopular operation, we thought, but now we look back and see the importance of those operations to our discipline and training. Many thousands of people have been caught in the *nets* of "Modernism," "Russellism," and "Adventism," and most of them were members of some Christian church, who were misled. Of course there is a reason for this. As these people emphasize the doctrine of *annihilation* and the teaching of *No HELL* and since many churches were not clear on this doctrine, they took advantage of the people to emphasize these doctrines. Many people do not understand the doctrine of "the place of the dead" and they fall a prey to these false teachings. The difference between *hell* and *Hades* is not generally understood. To most people they mean the same thing, yet there is a vast difference between them.

## What is Sheol or Hades

Two words are used to describe the place of the dead, one in the Old and one in the New Testament. The Hebrew

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word is SHEOL and the Greek word so translated in the Greek New Testament is HADES. The Lord Jesus Himself gave the most complete and clear picture of this terrible place, in Luke 16:19-31. Read it for yourself and I will comment on it to save space here for all the quotation. Now if you use a Revised or American Standard Version, you will notice that the word translated HELL in the King James Version is Hades in the Revised Version. That is as it should be.

Now in this graphic description Jesus gave of Hades or the place of the dead, there are several things to be noted. First, you will see that it is divided into TWO sections, one place for the *LOST* and another side for the *SAINT*. Between the two there is a great GULF fixed which no man can BRIDGE. HADES is a place where all the dead in the Old Testament went but the saved were separated from the lost. The Scriptures reveal SHEOL as a place of SORROW (2 Sam. 22:6; Psa. 18:5; 116:3) into which the wicked are turned and where they are fully CONSCIOUS, Isa. 14:9-17. What the BELLY of the great fish was to Jonah that SHEOL is to those who are therein. The SHEOL of the Old Testament and HADES of the New Testament are identical. Here then is the picture, a place somewhere (the place we shall see later) divided into two sections, one for the saved and one for the damned.

First is a description of the place for

the lost. It is the place where the souls of the lost are kept from death to the last resurrection at the judgment of the great white throne. Jesus describes the place as a place of CONSCIOUSNESS. The rich man saw Lazarus and recognized him in "Abraham's bosom." Abraham said, "Son, remember," calling his attention to the good things he had on the earth before death. Memory will haunt the lost FOREVER. This man knew what was going on in the world he had left. We next notice it was a place of TORMENT, OF PAIN. Think of that. A place of CONSCIOUS TORMENT and SUFFERING, and still more, there was no way of escape, for Abraham reminds him of the fact that a gulf is there which no man can bridge or cross.

Now let us look at the contrast of the other side of HADES. Let us here anticipate what will follow a little later. This picture of the place of the saved in HADES is the picture up to the cross. After that we shall see that a change takes place in HADES. We see Abraham there and Lazarus in his bosom. It was a place of rest. In the Old Testament their departure is spoken of as a GATHERING UNTO THEIR FATHERS or FAMILIES or HE WAS GATHERED UNTO HIS PEOPLE. It was a place of SAFETY for we are told that ANGELS carried him into Abraham's bosom. It was a place of COMFORT for we are told he was COMFORTED. These comforted people were so near the place of TORMENT that they could see each other and carry on a CONVERSATION across the GULF. This then is the place that is called in the Scriptures PARADISE and which was until Jesus DESCENDED into HADES the SAVED DIVISION of the place called HADES.

## CHANGE OCCURS IN HADES AFTER THE CROSS

Now in the New Testament we find that a tremendous change takes place in HADES. The lost souls in the *LOST DIVISION* of HADES are unaffected by the CROSS. They remain in this place so that in Rev. 20 we find that they are still in HADES when DEATH and HADES shall give up the dead that are in them, but after the CROSS PARADISE (the place of the saved) is moved from HADES to HEAVEN. When Jesus hung on the cross PARADISE was still in HADES. Luke 23:42,43 says, "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, This day SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE." Now

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**If and When** WE are certainly living in perilous times, whirl, wondering what is coming next upon the earth. The great inroads that Adolf Hitler is making upon the neutral nations and swamping them as his troops go with hurricane activity, conquering and to conquer, what is it all about? Someone has suggested that it is time for the coming of the antichrist and that if Adolf Hitler is not the antichrist he is preparing the way for antichrist power. Swarms of planes that are carrying soldiers back of lines, dishing out death in large loads of bombs, is the common story. The so-called Royal Air Force of England is unable to cope with the situation and it seems that everywhere the story of those who have believed in God and stood for the Christian religion is that they are in retreat before the god of force. But in all of this we are reminded of a place of security that has been promised for the people of God.

It may be that the antichrist powers will some day overrun the world. We are quite sure that the Bible predicts such, but it should not be alarming to the children of God. Why should it not be alarming to the children of God? Even if this is the time that the hordes of the enemy's airplanes will conquer, there is a royal air force that will provide a means of retreat to those people of God who constitute His Church, and who are ready when He shall sound the signal to rapture them away from the scene of death and disaster that the antichrist shall rain upon the earth. Yes, that will be a royal retreat, not a defeat, if you please, because the Church is not defeated when it makes its retreat for after this retreat there shall be a return and that return will be the return of Christ and His Church, a time when He shall come forth to conquer and shall pour forth His wrath upon the beast powers, which great and terrible battle will result in the kingdom of God being established upon the earth.

It seems to me that I can hear all over the whole realm of

Christianity the words "Glory, hallelujah, and praise and thanksgiving to our God who is preparing a bride and making provisions to receive her out of the great and terrible calamity that is to come upon the earth." If and when the antichrist comes to light, God's people who are walking in the true light of His Word shall have no fear but in the place of it a certain joy which shall climax in the meeting of the Bridegroom.

### I am John

 A LETTER came to the office of the Editor this week, which reads as follows: "I am John. I send warning to you not to take part in this election as you know the time is at hand, for the man in office now is the antichrist who must fulfill all things. He will be made manifest in a short time. Warn the brethren to be on the watch. Now this is true and sure.—John, your brother in Christ." It is to be remembered that before the coming of Christ there were to be false Christs. This being the fact, it may be that there are also false Johns. We are sure that the Bible does not in any place hint that there will be a reappearance of John the Baptist before Christ shall come to catch away His bride, but this one thing we know that there will be apostates who will claim practically anything and this is a sign that it will not be long until Christ shall come.

Just a short time ago the Editor received a letter with a chain prayer in it, asking that it be published in the Evangel. It is against the policy of the Evangel to take any part in fanatical and fantastic ideas born in unbalanced minds. These are serious days; they are days when the children of God should live consecrated and close to their Savior; days when their prayer should be for those in authority, that God will direct and guide them, and days when we should submit ourselves to the powers that be. We may not endorse everything that is done but we can submit to those things in the fear of God. The true child of God must not be an agitator but in these boisterous times possess the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit which is in the sight of God of great price.

### The Only Teacher

 THERE is no one thing today more responsible for the multiplicity of doctrines of religion in the world than a misinterpretation of the Scriptures. Many times this misinterpretation has led to the forming of new movements. Strange as it may seem, these misinterpretations many times have grown out of gross ignorance

and have come forth from the idea that it is God's plan for every man to interpret the Scriptures according to his own idea, without any help or any one to teach him. Such a feeling itself has come from misinterpretation of certain passages in the Bible relative to the Holy Ghost as a teacher. In Luke 12:12 Jesus said, "For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." This He spoke to the apostles, telling them how they should act if they were brought before magistrates and of their dependence on Him, but it is also to be remembered that He was speaking to those who should be leaders in the Church. We are also told in John 14:26 that "the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach

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# California State Convention Held at Fresno, April 19-21



We arrived in California Tuesday, April 9. Our first stop was at Blythe, where we had a blessed service. Brother and Sister Jackson are in charge of the church there, and evidence shows that they have the favor of both our Lord and the people of that section. They have purchased a nice, large building on the main street of the town. This is valuable property. We certainly appreciate the good work that Brother and Sister Jackson are doing there.

Wednesday, April 10, we arrived in Baldwin Park, and stayed over through Thursday night, having two gracious services there. Baldwin Park church is considered one of our pillars in California. Our next step was at Santa Ana Gardens, and my, how the Lord met with us and what a blessed time we had there Saturday evening, April 13! From here we journeyed to Corona for an all-day meeting Sunday, April 14. Brother Houston R. Morehead, overseer of Missouri, delivered an inspiring sermon on prophecy at the 11 o'clock hour, which was enjoyed by the large congregation. Afternoon and

BY R. P. JOHNSON  
*Assistant General Overseer*

evening services grew to be seasons of refreshment of which we yet have sweet memories. God is yet using Sister Jeffries there, which proves that if we stay filled with the Spirit we will never grow old to the people. Monday evening we found the church at Huntington Beach well filled, but it was the personal presence of the Holy Ghost that came to add extra sweetness to the music and singing. Of course, without His life-living presence the preaching would have been dead and out of order. Tuesday evening, April 16, we found the tent in Los Angeles well filled and the entire arrangements seemed to be of the Lord. It must have been easy for the singers to sing, and I would never complain if I could have as good liberty to speak every place I go. Wednesday night, April 17, found us in the San Joaquin Valley, there in the prosperous little city of Tulare, where we have a wonderful band of saints, also a nice new church building, and the two nights spent there deepened our love for both

sinner and saint, and we were happy to find the church moving along so nicely.

Our visit in the golden state reached its climax in the thriving city of Fresno. Delegates from several states met Friday evening, April 19, at 7:30 p. m., in a lovely new 55'x90' church building just completed by Brother and Sister O. Pauls. They extended to us such a warm invitation to come there for the state convention that it was an easy matter for Brother Benge to feel that the Lord was leading, which proved to be true beyond any doubt, for from the appointed opening hour, at the exact moment Brother Pauls gave signal and the orchestra sent forth a volume of harmony that filled the building and thrilled that great crowd, until the closing late Sunday night it was continuously going on, out and upward in Christ and His gospel. I have heard most of those preachers preach and a number of the singers sing but never preached and sang they as in this convention.

God has blessed Brother and Sister  
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# The Church of God Continually Pressing Onward

Reports and Records Show Her Greatest Program Proving a Wonderful Blessing.  
Thousands and Tens of Thousands Are Weeping Their Way Through to Calvary, Becoming  
Sanctified and Filled With the Precious Holy Ghost.

**W**HILE the winter has been exceptionally hard and unfavorable to revivals, large numbers have received the precious Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Revivals are now being conducted throughout all the country, and many are receiving the blessings of salvation. There were 3,459 converted for March alone, 1,356 received the Holy Ghost.

For the first six months there have been approximately 11,000 members added to the Church of God. Of course, the exclusions will reduce the total number gained.

The ministers are showing a nice gain in reporting, over the same periods of last year, but for ministers and members it takes constantly greater efforts and more preaching in order to get the people to God.

**FINANCE:** Finance is still coming in good, and all the various departments of the Church show appreciable increase. The tithe of tithes is the barometer of the Church finance. In six months we received \$31,453.74 compared with \$28,639.50, a gain of \$2,814.24.

**AGED MINISTERS:** Receipts are \$6,729.02, a gain of \$1,412.92 over last year the same period.

**MISSIONS:** Receipts the first six months show \$4,427.93 increase over the same period last year.

**ORPHANAGE:** The receipts the first six months, \$10,194.30; a gain of \$728.02 over previous year.

**PUBLISHING HOUSE:** Cash receipts for six months show \$33,979.19, a gain of \$2,995.05 over same period last year. The actual profits will be shown at the close of the year on the Publishing House,

Lighted Pathway, Tennessee Music and Printing Company. We are showing here the cash receipts only.

**TENNESSEE MUSIC AND PRINTING COMPANY:** Receipts first six months, \$7,005.99; a gain of \$556.19 over same period last year.

**LIGHTED PATHWAY:** Receipts \$9,108.54, which nearly doubles the same period last year, the gain being \$4,428.39. The circulation of the Lighted Pathway last March was 16,500. This March it is 28,000. This month the number has increased already to 32,000, I understand, so you can see the Young People's Endeavor and many faithful lovers of this wonderful magazine have been working, and Sister Harrison, too, has been working and smiling as the paper continually gains favor throughout the world.

The Evangel circulation is constantly increasing. Last year for March the subscriptions were 8,073. This March the number is 9,166, an increase of 1,093, with a press run of 11,700. The subscriptions have more than doubled in the last four years. Let us, everyone, work faithfully, continuously and most sincerely for our official organ of the Church, The Church of God Evangel.

The total increase of monies sent to Headquarters for the various departments, including the Bible Training School, aggregate approximately \$20,000.00 more than was sent in for the same period, of six months, of last year. You will please bear in mind the greatest amount of finance comes in to headquarters during the special drives made at the conventions and camp meetings.

## Pray Earnestly That God Will Undertake

**PURITAN MINES, W. Va.** — Dear Saints of God: Please pray a special prayer for me. I am a minister of the Church of God. I am twenty-seven years old. This is my eleventh year in the ministry and I am afflicted in my body to the extent that if God doesn't help me, my labors will soon cease.

When I was only six years old I was run over by an automobile, given up to die, but God in His mercy spared me. I am suffering with a broken rib piercing the left lung. It has been broken twenty-one years. I suffer so. Last fall I was paralyzed eight weeks from the trouble and it looked like I would never walk again. My arm was all drawn up, my head was

drawn on my shoulder, the entire left side of my body was helpless. God raised me up. Two weeks after being prayed for I went back to preaching. The doctor said there was no help for me. The rib is broken and twisted and is turned toward the left lung. At times it presses the lung so it seems I will choke and smother to death. Again it cuts the lung. The doctor said if they operated on me I would die instantly. Nothing could be done. My condition was too serious. He also said it was possible that during an attack I would pass on, there was danger of it causing hemorrhage of the lung.

I have not done all that is in my heart to do for God. I feel my work is not finished during this time of trouble. I really want to live and preach the gospel and

It is marvelous the way God has blessed the Church in recent years. The membership is nearly three times what it was just ten years ago; the tithes then, hardly one-third of what it is now; mission money about one-fifteenth of what it is now. The total amount paid for missions the last four years is more than two and one-half times the total amount paid for missions during all the years previous to this period, including the year Brother F. J. Lee was first elected General Overseer.

According to the statistics compiled by Dr. Herman C. Webber, which appeared in the *YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN CHURCHES*, we stand eighth place in finance per capita and seventh place in membership of all the forty holiness movements listed. The Church of God shows the greatest gains of any movement above 50,000 membership.

The increase in new church buildings in the last four years has increased the property value almost \$1,000,000.00. This, of course, denotes permanency and determination in the ever-increasing establishment of true worship of the old-time Bible doctrine, right in the face of all the opposition to holiness in these evil, troublesome days.

We are so happy for the way our Sunday Schools and Y. P. E's are constantly increasing, also we thank God for our faithful mothers, and for their untiring efforts through the L. W. W. Surely God is blessing and helping us, and such progress can only be made through God-fearing, God-loving, spiritually-minded people, who are laboring together with God.—J. H. Walker, *General Overseer*.

feel that God is not through with me. If God doesn't undertake I feel my day is near. I do not fear death, at times I desire to go, but feel my mission is not fully complete. Every one who reads this please pray a special prayer for me. Anyone feeling led of God to anoint a handkerchief and send to me, please do so. My home is in St. Petersburg, Fla. I have just arrived this week at Puritan Mines, W. Va. I am on my way to Lester, W. Va. for a revival. Anyone who desires to write me, please address Evangelist Alberta Wiggins, Lester, W. Va. Please pray for God's servant who badly needs your prayers. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." Please pray for the revival at Lester, W. Va., Brother Ezra Bowens, pastor.—Faithfully, Evangelist Alberta Wiggins.



# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## MY TRIP TO HAITI

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BY ZENO C. THARP

I visited many missions and every one of them was full of life, victory and enthusiasm. Most all the missions are young, many of them have been established this year, but without exception they are growing fast. The people have had little or no chance at all for the gospel and when they hear that they can be saved they are interested and when they are convinced that you will not leave them, but will be near them to instruct and encourage, they are ready to give their hearts to God. We tell them that the Church of God is here to stay. They cry and repent just like we do in America — many times staying up all night to pray. For some of them it takes a long time to get everything in their past life straightened out.

Clothes are so very much needed. We were at the Jacmel district convention yesterday where there was one mission that could not attend because the converts did not have clothes. This does not mean that they did not have anything nice enough to wear. It means that the clothes they had were nothing but rags and that they could not go out in public. Some of them at the convention seemed to be so happy because they had a new dress made out of unbleached muslin. Others were dressed better and when I would ask, "Where did they get such a nice dress?" the answer from Brother and Sister Kluzit would be, "Oh, that came in the mission clothes box you sent us from the States."

Some of you have had a part in sending clothes, others did not even know about it, but hundreds of dollars of old clothes that had become useless to us have been sent here and are now being worn by the members of the Church of God in Haiti. You will never know what it has meant to these people. It would be a wonderful thing if someone who feels called to the mission work would take this on his or her heart and solicit clothes to be sent here. Anything that can be worn will be appreciated. Many of the children have no clothes at all. I have seen larger ones with nothing more than a dirty apron string tied around their neck without another thing on their bodies. A waist, a shirt or, bet-

ter, a pair of pants, even though they have been worn or are old would make that heart so happy. At one convention there were only about three women who had hose. They wore white cotton stockings which had been darned in several places. It was a real sight to see these good folks dressed all in black with their white cotton stockings. You know about how they looked, but to be able to afford even a pair of hose here is really appreciated. When I think of the thousands of hose that are thrown away just because of a little hole in the toe or heel, I can't help thinking of the great good they would do here in Haiti. If you or your church want to do a good work, gather up as many clothes as you can and send them to:

### MISSION CIRCLE

Mrs. Sarkis Sarkessian  
Croton-on-Hudson, New York.

This consecrated group of mission workers will repack the clothes in large boxes and address them according to an agreement made by the Haitian Government. Especially is unbleached muslin needed. Maybe it is only a small piece of cloth or remnant, but it will be very useful. Sister Kluzit needs some cloth for sheets for native workers.

We just came from a little mission today, located high in the mountains overlooking Port-au-Prince, called Fort Jacques. Here more than 400 were gathered for the service, although it was a weekday and in the morning. We arrived about 9 a.m., but the services had been going on for some time. We had to go on horseback—the trail was rocky and mountainous. As we neared the church, we could hear the singing as it rang over the hills and valleys below. It really thrilled one's soul to hear the natives making such a joyous noise unto the Lord. On the hills near-by were small groups gathered, watching and listening. The building was about 25 feet square and more than 244 were crowded within, while the other 164 were clapping their hands and singing on the outside.

The people as a whole seem to be very kind and peace-loving. Especially those who are saved appreciate the missionaries who have been sent to them. It seems that they just love to be in your presence and are so humble and submissive with

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## The Church of God, Barbados, B. W. I.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am glad again to be able to report that the work here is still moving on. Since the new year opened, Elder Lewis has been used of God to conduct a good revival at Castries, St. Lucia, and there seems to be every prospect of a good work there.

Here in Barbados I am glad to say good reports keep coming in from most every station. Sunday, April 7, was the day fixed for our quarterly meeting. The day's services were commenced with a baptismal service at Brightons Beach where twenty candidates were buried in water baptism. While the baptismal service was going on Bishops Marshall and Ford were uniting in marriage two people who had been led to see the need of getting in line with the teaching of our Church, and therefore could not continue to live together out of wedlock.

At 10:00 a.m. the saints had gathered for the quarterly meeting feast. It was commenced by a very inspiring praise service, after which the writer led the congregation in reading the 91st Psalm, then we had a season of earnest prayer. Reports were read from the different stations. These were all very inspiring, some were able to report a goodly number of souls saved; others, many getting the blessing of a clean heart, while others were able to report some getting the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. And all stations were able to report victory through the blood of Jesus.

After the reports Brother and Sister Rollins, visiting missionaries from Trinidad, gave very helpful and inspiring addresses, then the congregation joined in singing the good old song, "This Wonderful Salvation Just Suits Me." While singing this song the power of God came down on the meeting and without an invitation being given seekers began to come to the altar, the meeting running till nearly four in the afternoon, finishing with many at the altar. To God be all the glory.—J. B. Winter, Assistant Overseer.

Life would be enjoyed much better if we would stay as many good things about each other while we are alive as we do about each other after death.

# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

*An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

DISTRESS OF NATIONS is one of the more prominent signs of the end of the TIMES OF THE GENTILES. One front page of one daily newspaper had the following dispatches from spots over the earth: "Bucharest, (Rumania).—This country was gripped by panic today as both the Nazis and their foes brought pressure to bear on this Balkan country." "Belgrade (Jugo-Slavia).—This country today was seeking a military alliance with Russia to stave off the possibility of a Nazi invasion." "The Hague (Netherlands).—Holland today was taking every precautionary measure against a sudden blitzkreig by the mighty German military machine." "Brussels (Belgium).—Steps to insure her neutrality and defend her soil against aggression was taken by Belgium authorities yesterday and last night." "Ankara (Turkey).—Turkey again declared her readiness and willingness to fight on the side of the Allies in the event the war zone spread to the Mediterranean area." "Cairo (Egypt).—The country of the Pharaohs today for the first time in history made ready to defend her borders by a complete black-out!" "The combined fleets of England and France rode at anchor in her ports and the Egyptian government expressed their determination to fight to maintain their integrity." The above quotations denoting the unrest and perplexities of the various European nations are alarming. If ever Father Time witnessed DISTRESS OF NATIONS he is seeing it today.

One commentator after another points out the certainty of America entering the war in the near future. It is believed that even high officials who talk loudly about "keeping out of war" have their fingers crossed and their tongues in their cheeks. They talk of peace with one side of their mouth and with the other side are making unparalleled preparations for war. This is our own country I am speaking of. Of course, preparedness is necessary.

"Minneapolis, May 6. — A scientist who looks and is hardly more than a boy has contributed the key to a discovery of such startling importance that it may revolutionize the world. He is Dr. Alfred O. Nier, 27, a physicist at the University of Minnesota, who isolated for the first time the natural radioactive substance "U-235" which EXPLODES WITH A FORCE 30,000,000 times that of TNT and one pound of which HAS A POTENTIAL POWER OUTPUT OF 3,000,000 gallons of gasoline." One amazing discovery after another ingenious ways to deal out death. The most brilliant minds of the world today are trying hard, working day and night, to fathom ways and means of passing out death and destruction to their enemies. The sad part of it is that KNOWLEDGE WILL BE INCREASED AND THEIR ABILITY TO WORK DIABOLIC INVENTIONS WILL BE INCREASED FROM DAY TO DAY. The demons and devils who delight in wars and sorrows are the constant advisors of those who work in such callings.

"The spirit of antichrist marches on!" I have had occasion to use the foregoing phrase many times in the past few months. It is very apropos again. Once more the Nazi forces have swooped with sudden and terrifying fury upon their neighbors. This time it was Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg that felt the iron heel of Hitler's armed forces as they pounced without warning upon those small countries. Britain and France have lost at every turn. Commentators say that "luck" is against the Allies. Men and brethren, it isn't "luck" at all. The hand of the eternal God is still controlling the destinies of men and nations. The way must be paved for the coming of the superman. The midnight hour is rapidly approaching. The antichrist must and will come. Nothing that Hitler does need terrify or surprise the peoples of the earth. Where does Mussolini stand? Where does Stalin of Russia stand? Where does

Franco of Spain stand? Watch the dictators in an effort to stamp out democracy form an invincible coalition. Then watch an apostate church make an alliance with even the hated communists.

To add to England's troubles their House of Parliament (similar to our Congress) voted what was tantamount to having no confidence in their governmental leaders. Chamberlain, Prime Minister, resigned. With millions under arms and their armed forces suffering reverses, the home political situation became so tense that the government fell under the weight. Winston Churchill, Nazi hater, became Prime Minister. He is the son of an American mother and his elevation as head of the Government is calculated to give the people of England greater confidence in their Government. Chamberlain made his greatest mistake in believing Hitler's pledged word. He thought that one gentleman would tell the truth to another. However, his credence was doomed to dismal disappointment. Paul had a name for it: "TRUCE BREAKERS."

Glance back over the last score of years, since the close of the first World War. In China, a total of 13,500,000 human beings were famine-stricken. Heaven alone knows how many of that great number died of absolute starvation. In 1921 the Volga Valley in Russia was swept by a terrible famine. During that time it was estimated that 30,000 Russians died of starvation daily. Again, heaven alone knows the total loss of human life by famine. In 1929 the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in their bulletin, stated that "Over 20,000,000 women and children in China are now actually starving. It was stated that 2,000,000 more were expected to die of starvation before another crop could be harvested. Certain it is that this famine was just about the worst in the world's history. DOGS, CATS AND

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## Florida State Convention and Camp Meeting June 6-16

# Marion District Convention Convened at Abingdon, Va.



Above are the visiting ministers of the Church of God which held a convention April 26-28. From left to right, first row: Mrs. Eliza Mays, Bristol; Mrs. Pearl M. Stark, returned missionary from Africa; Mrs. Margaret Jones, Bristol. Second row: W. E. Johnson, Pulaski; M. E. Porter, Bastian, Va., district overseer; W. S. Wilemon, Kingsport, Tenn.; J. R. Burkett, Abingdon, pastor; J. A. Bixler, Bristol, Tenn. Third row: C. C. Blevins, Damascus; J. C. Hanks, Bluefield; C. R. Burkett, Unicoi, Tenn.; Bobby Weaver, Elizabethton; Willie Lyle, Marion; Rev. Musick, Pounding Mill; Willard Brummett, Johnson City; A. W. Brummett, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Fourth row: W. E. Worley, Elizabethton, Tenn.; G. L. Berry, W. T. Morefield, Pulaski.

We appreciate the nice program arranged by our district overseer, Brother Marvin E. Porter, and the spendid entertainment by the Abingdon church, arranged by the pastor, Bro. J. R. Burkett. The pastors and their churches on the district cooperated so nicely. We highly appreciated our visitors from the various

churches, especially the Bristol district on the Tennessee side. We were so glad to have with us the B. T. S. trio. They were a blessing to our convention.

Special singing and music was rendered by various visiting musicians.

Saturday night we moved our service to the town hall. Sister Stark spoke to us of

those poor souls in faraway Africa. At the close of the service the offering for the mission cause was \$40.03.

After the good dinner spread Sunday by the Abingdon church, which we did enjoy, we said good-bye and went our way with the sweet memory of this convention in our hearts.

## Leaves From the Fig Tree

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RATS WERE DELICACIES. THE COOKING AND EATING OF THE FLESH OF DEAD RELATIVES WAS A COMMON THING." The foregoing is almost too horrible to print. Add to that that in Russia, in the Volga Valley, graveyards were guarded to prohibit the robbing of graves for newly buried bodies to be eaten by starved and crazed men and women. THE ABOVE THINGS ARE AUTHORITATIVE.

Yet, we remember that the tribulation ahead is so terrible as to belittle comparison. JESUS SAID IT WOULD OCCUR. Matt. 24:17. HE USED THE WORD "FAMINE." He also spoke of pestilences. One epidemic alone that swept the world, influenza, has taken more than 12,000,000 lives since 1917. New diseases are cropping up all the time. New ailments. When people now around forty years of age were growing up "nerves" were some intangible something that didn't worry anyone. Today nearly every

Church of God preacher you meet is so nervous and upset that it is pitiful. son. JESUS SAID IT WOULD OCCUR. Matt. 24:7. HE USED THE WORD WHY? LARGELY FROM WORRYING ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THEIR PEOPLE. Hurry here! Hurry there! I must pass that fellow! Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! All the time, constantly and continually, Hurry! The wide-spread epidemic of nervousness is a pestilence. Jesus said it would come.

## Kentucky Convention and Camp Meeting May 27-June 2

# Reports From the Field

## ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

### THREE CHEERS TO ILLINOIS

1 to the State Overseer  
1 to the Ministry  
1 to the faithful laity  
for raising

three times all previous mission offerings in the State. The grand total cash offering Sunday was \$1,454.31, for which we all praise God.

"Isn't this the most wonderful convention we've ever had," was heard from the lips of many of the faithful ministers and laity who have been laboring in the state for years.

God was with them from the very beginning to the end. The preaching was soul-stirring, elevating and instructive. The singing, both choir and specials from our good singers throughout the State, was extra good.

Almost every church was 100 per cent on everything requested by the State and General Assembly. They were up on aged ministers, orphanage, missions 5 per cent, and missions \$1.00 per member, and \$1.00 for Sunday School and Y.P.E. and \$1.00 each member for state camp ground. Those who did fall short said, "Just watch us, we will have ours before the camp meeting in July."

Approaching objects cast their shadows before, and truly we could feel that great offering approaching, and one felt as if he were walking on air all about there. There was such a wonderful spirit of unity and the blessings of untiring cooperation among all our people throughout the entire state.

The Sunday Schools, Y.P.E.'s and Ladies Willing Workers' Bands have been doing a great work. Almost every pastor expressed high appreciation of the extra fine spirit with which these departments cooperated with them in raising all their quotas.

Surely, God will help us in this great work if only we do our part.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

### Contents From the 16th Annual Assembly of the Church of God Colored Work

We can truly say that we enjoyed one of the best convocations during the period of our work. The Lord is with us and who can be against us? At our opening of this session the presence of the Lord was felt in all of its fulness. The saints greatly rejoiced at our home gathering once more. From our last Assembly some have fallen by the wayside and some went home to reap the reward of

their labors, while others are yet on the battlefield fighting against the powers of darkness. We were thankful to be able to be among this number to help in our 16th annual report.

We were glad to have our General Overseer, Bishop J. H. Walker, with us once more. We certainly enjoy his smiles and his wonderful instructions freighted with love and the power of the Holy Ghost. We believe with all our heart that Bishop Walker is a real child of God and that he is deeply interested in the furtherance of the Church work in general. We thank God for him and pray that he will ever keep that sweet, loving experience.

We were sorry to lose our presiding Bishop J. H. Curry, but we are thankful to the Lord and the General Assembly for giving us Bishop N. S. Marcelle, one who we also dearly love. Bishop Curry has served us eleven years as overseer of the colored work. We highly appreciate his service and wish for him greater success in his ministry and in his appointed field of labor. Bishop N. S. Marcelle has an excellent record as a minister of the Church of God. He also made an excellent start as moderator and overseer. So with our prayers and support we are looking forward to a most glorious and successful year.

We will never forget the many sweet and bright faces and the sweet fellowship that we enjoyed, the sweet songs of Zion and the quartets, solos and their sweet melodies, and the timely sermons filled with the grace and power of God. It seemed as if heaven had enveloped us during this Assembly. It was better felt than told. Our Bishops' Council was one of the sweetest I have ever attended. We can truly say with the Psalmist, "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Our financial part of the Assembly was also very encouraging. Quite a bit over \$2,000.00 was raised. May we ever live together, looking forward to a greater and more glorious one another year should we be here. If not, may we meet where we will never say good-bye.—David LaFleur, 629 5th St., West Palm Beach, Fla.

### Stonefield, Miss., Dist. Convention

The Stonefield, Miss., district convention convened at Stonefield April 26-28, Brothers J. L. Dorman and W. L. Sharpe in charge.

The following had part on the program during the convention: W. L.

Sharpe, J. L. Dorman, T. H. Williams, B. L. Roberts, Luther Jones, M. L. Muse, Arlie Dorman, Charlie Ellis, Brother Lambert, Sunday School superintendents and different pastors. Special singing was rendered by the Winona quartet.

We certainly enjoyed the fine messages, they were food to our souls. A mission offering of \$68.00 was taken. We certainly appreciate these good people. Brief reports of the churches were given, showing fine progress. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were present and gloriously blessed from the beginning to the end. We certainly appreciate our good pastor, Brother Sharp, who worked so faithfully to make this convention a success and we feel it was the best ever held on this district. Please breathe a word of prayer for the work in Mississippi.—Estes Mullen, Rt. 1, Holcomb, Miss.

### Charlotte, N. C., District Convention

The Charlotte district convention convened in Charlotte, N. C., W. M. Stallings, pastor. A large number was present from each church. Brother E. W. Williams moderated the service with the exception of the Sunday School and Y.P.E. programs of which Brother Ralph Williams was in charge. The interest was extra good. This convention was one of the best that has been in the Charlotte district. There was some old time singing, praying, yes, victory in the camp. We had special music and some sermons which would make you walk the chalk line. They were from the Word of God. The special mission offering taken was \$116.15.—Carl Graham, Belmont, N. C.

### Pulaski, Va., District Convention

The Pulaski, Va., district convention was a time of refreshing and feasting for all of God's children who were present. Truly it was a great convention. The preaching was all so spiritual and inspiring and seasoned with the power of God. Our souls were greatly fed from the good Word of God.

Sermons were brought by the following: Brothers T. C. Wiggins, local pastor, W. T. Morefield, district pastor, W. E. Johnson, state overseer, E. Ray Kirk, T. L. Simmons, C. W. Collins, T. W. Norris, J. F. Jenkins, and J. M. Snyder. Truly they all were at their best and preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

The singing was directed by Brother W. H. Ward, state singing school teacher, and Brother T. W. Norris, with Sister Norris at the piano. With such good playing as Sister Norris did, the singing couldn't help but be good.

The play, "Gold and Dross," written by Brother W. H. Ward, was put on Sunday morning after which Brother

Johnson preached on missions. A mission offering was then taken amounting to over \$50.00 in cash and some pledges.

I feel that this was one of the greatest district conventions that has ever been held in this state and will long be remembered.—W. E. Johnson, state overseer; W. T. Morefield, district pastor.

#### Work Encouraging at Hobbs, N. Mex.

HOBBS, N. M.—The Church of God at Hobbs, N. Mex., is moving along fine. We are over the top with all the church program, both state and headquarters, for which we thank the Lord.

Our revival here was a good one. Brother George Savchenko did the preaching. Twenty were saved, fifteen sanctified, and ten filled with the Holy Ghost, for which we are glad. Brother George is teaching a singing school now at the Church of God in Hobbs.

We had the Ramsey band with us a few nights last week, for which we are glad, and give them a big hearty welcome back. I have never worked with a more consecrated overseer than Brother H. E. Ramsey. He is giving all his time and means for the Church and we can see and feel the effects of it. He has three new churches and is asking God to give him three more by the Assembly and we believe He will do it. He has the love of all his coworkers.

We also find that the few members we have here (only twelve) are for the Church with all their heart and money, too, so we feel happy to get to work with the people at Hobbs this year.—W. M. Ford, pastor, 205 S. Morris St.

#### Home-coming Day at Prichard, Ala.

MOBILE, Ala.—Oh, praise the Lord. From the first song in Sunday School the precious Holy Ghost took charge and it was joy unspeakable and full of glory. Such a wonderful spirit of love and unity prevailed the whole day through. God bless our pastor and his consecrated wife. How they are leading our people on and on to greater services. We had such inspiring talks. In the afternoon we had singing, and oh, such singing. There were people from every holiness movement as well as many from all the other Protestant churches.

That night we had such a glorious service. The altar was full and four were saved. The saints were lifted up. Such a day we are still thanking God for. We also thank Brother Whittington for sending Brother and Sister Dunn this way.

Brother Williamson of Perdido, Ala., gave us a few nights' service. God mightily used him these few nights. Our Sunday School has doubled in both attendance and offerings.

We covet your prayers. We are more determined than ever, by God's grace

and help, to see the Church of God rise and shine here.—Sister V. M. Davenport.

#### Our District Convention

Truly it is with joy bubbling in my soul that I look back to our district convention held April 5 at our church, six miles out of Port Arthur, Tex., with Brother E. M. Smith, pastor of Houston church and our district overseer, in charge.

Those bringing messages were Brother Fielden, pastor at Fort Worth and H. N. Scoggins, state overseer. We had Brother Baker, pastor of Weatherford, and visitors from Selman City, Houston, a church near Houston, Texla and Jasper with us.

Then on the 11th Brother and Sister Smith and Brother and Sister Taylor of Houston came over and held us a revival for ten days. Well the convention and revival brought seven souls to God, five have come into the church. We surely appreciate these men and women and desire your prayers that they will soon receive the Holy Ghost.

I do feel so thankful to the Lord for our pastor, Brother Wm. R. Fowler. God has blessed him to find favor with the people and it is especially noticeable how the sinners like him and have stood by him with labor and money. Then the L.W.W.B. has been busy and is still so. Until now we have a six-room parsonage furnished, a church 24x36 finished and three lots, and our notes are so reasonable. Well, it's just like Jesus to lift the cloud and let the sun shine.

Brother and Sister R. P. Johnson, I wish you could visit us now and give us one of those good sermons the Lord delivers through you.

Reader, please pray for this place. There are many souls in this little place who need Jesus. Pray for Sister Fowler, she is weak in body.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron, Box 405, Port Arthur, Tex.

#### 39th Convention Best of All

The 39th convention of the Meadville, Miss., district began April 12, continuing through Sunday afternoon, April 14. It seemed the hand of God was on the service from the very beginning. It was held in the McCall Creek High School Auditorium. Those speaking during the convention were Brothers Jim Evans, pastor of the McCall Creek church, A. D. Gammill, Monroe Lee, J. H. Brooks, O. L. McManus, D. L. Barrett, district pastor, J. L. Dorman, state overseer, Arlie Dorman, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, Horace Taylor, and D. G. Bozeman. We enjoyed having as visitors Sister Mabel Presley and her coworker of Missouri and North Dakota, Brother Eugene Lambert, our state evangelist, the Winona quartet, Brothers O. L. McManus and Jesse Lane, the Holland

quartet from Byrds Chapel and the other delegates from Louisiana.

We had some wonderful singing during the convention, good preaching, and good offerings. Brother Dorman gave a soul-stirring message and a mission offering of \$130.50 was given. Oh, it was a wonderful time. We covet your prayers.—Mrs. A. D. Gammill, Meadville, Miss.

#### Linden, Fla., District Convention

Blessed are the memories of the Linden, Fla., district convention which convened April 13. God was surely with us and gave us new zeal to keep pressing on. We were very glad to have Brother E. M. Ellis, our state overseer, with us again. We appreciate our district overseer, Brother M. D. Alderman, and his untiring efforts to make our convention a success.

Those speaking during the convention were Brothers J. B. Ellis, Jr., Zander Austen, C. M. Phillips, E. M. Ellis, state overseer, L. A. Brannen, L. B. Thomas, Basil Ellis, a Methodist preacher of Webster, Fla., and Sisters Phillips and Austen.

#### Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention

The Charlotte district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention convened at Paw Creek, N. C. The church gave us a warm welcome and entertained us with a nice new string band, composed of their young people, also two trios.

Belmont Sunday School was awarded the nice new district Sunday School banner by Brother Paul Stallings, district Sunday School superintendent. Charlotte reported a wonderful revival with twenty-one souls saved, Judge Sullivan doing the preaching. Brother Sullivan brought a wonderful message to the convention. The Charlotte Y.P.E. received the nice new district Y.P.E. banner. All pastors were present except one.—Carl Graham, clerk, Belmont, N. C.

PINSON, Ala.—We completed our new church building April 20 and had the dedication April 21. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Brother W. E. Crider, district overseer. There was a great attendance, including many singers and speakers. The Trafford and Kimberly quartets were with us. The Lord was with us; the power fell in a wonderful way. Our pastor, Brother C. C. Dunnavant, had charge of the service. We have turned our old church into a parsonage and our pastor is now living in it.—R. J. Dollars, clerk, Rt. 1.

CLIFTON, Jam., B.W.I.—We are still going on with God. Four have been added to the church, three baptized in water and two baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. We had the Lord's supper and feet washing. Words would fail me to tell you about this wonderful service.

God can truly use His messengers. Let me say this, the young men and women who are out of God and Christ are losing time. I know He can make them to be something in His service.—Amy Reid, clerk, 37 Red Hills Rd., Half Way Tree.

#### On Victory's Side

PIGEON ROOST, Ky.—We know we are on victory's side because we are having a battle with the devil and we mean to fight him to the end. Praise the Lord for hardships and tribulations, knowing the Bible said that tribulations worketh patience and also for us to arm ourselves as good soldiers to endure hardships.

We praise the Lord for His good blessings, for the souls that He has given us here this year and for His presence from time to time when we meet at the altar of prayer, also for a determination to work in the vineyard of Jesus until He comes or calls. Pray that God's approval will be upon our work here and He will give us many souls to help us fight the enemy.—Roscoe M. Baker, pastor of Curry Branch church.

WHITTIER, N. C.—The Lord is surely blessing here in a wonderful way. There has been one saved, one reclaimed and sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We can't say enough for the One who suffered and died that we might ever live on. Pray for me to ever be in the will of God and be ready when Jesus comes.—Mrs. Zean Wood.

PINELAND, Ga.—We thank God for the work here at Pineland. It is a small church but God is blessing us here. We had a two weeks' meeting with Sister Grace Ball and Sister Edna Denmark of Homerville, Ga., doing the preaching. The Lord was with us in a great way; the saints were revived in a wonderful way. Last night, April 28, we had a wonderful meeting; souls came rushing to the altar and began to weep and call on God. We feel that God is going to give us a wonderful revival here. When we came here we had no Y.P.E. or Sunday School, but since we came here Brother Douglas organized a Y.P.E. and Sunday School. Our Sunday School is coming on fine.—H. H. Mathis, pastor.

We count it great joy to be able to say we are still on the battlefield, doing all the good we can. We work every town, village and street corner we can with our loud speaker. It has been one of the greatest of helps to me. It is grand to advertise revivals where we go, then through the days we can visit near-by towns and villages and have street services and then the tent services will draw people for many miles. May God bless those who helped me to get started with my loud speaker. I'll never forget you

## Hill Cult Again Gets Stay in Faith Killing Trial

This headline appeared in the New York Sunday News of April 28, a clipping of which was sent to this office. The article which appeared under the caption was by Gordon Gaskill and painted a very homely picture of the Church of God at Cedar Springs in Middle Tennessee. We quote a few of the things that he said: "I went to a Church of God prayer meeting last night in the middle Tennessee hills to watch forty sweating human beings sing praises to God for postponing judgment upon seven of their members who were accused of killing four infants and a grown woman. By the light of a single lantern and to the music of one guitar, they prayed in their cult's unknown tongues and writhed in their weird holy dance. I found the Cedar Springs church by wallowing through lanes hub-deep in mud and by fording swift streams that twice drowned out my engine. Once the road turned straight up a creek for two hundred yards." Many other things just as bad as these were said by Mr. Gaskill and all of them were just as untrue. We felt that it was necessary for us to write to the New York News and also to Mr. Gaskill and we are placing for your scrutiny the letter to Mr. Gaskill in this issue of the Evangel, and here it is:

April 30, 1940

Gordon Gaskill  
c/o New York Daily News  
New York City  
Dear Mr. Gaskill:

I have just read your article in the Sunday News of April 28, entitled HILL CULT AGAIN GETS STAY IN FAITH KILLING TRIALS. It happens that I have had the privilege of being in the community where the Cedar Springs church is located and know the surroundings quite well. I also know what has brought about all of the stir in those parts. I do not believe that you think, however, it is because some of those people have died without medical aid because many have died in that community and other communities with medical aid, and there has been nothing said about it.

It is true, Mr. Gaskill, that those people are humble, country folk, but their intelligence is not inferior to the ordinary run of country people, and if you would think of some of yours in New York City, including those that roam the Bowery, it may be that they would rank, by way of average, higher in intelligence.

The readers of your paper have

beloved Maryland saints. Just remember your work is still going on. My health is so much better but you dear ones

a right to the news, and they have a right to a report on the trial of these people who are the objects of religious prejudice, but they have a right to know the truth and of this element your article is sadly lacking. You know that the Cedar Springs church is not as far in the backwoods as you pretend; you know that the road to it is not as bad as you claim; you know that the people are not as inferior as you would infer. You know also that your story of the meeting grossly misrepresents what actually took place.

I have written to your Editor-in-Chief and have sent him under separate cover quite a bit of data on the Church of God and I would be glad if you would also look it over and acquaint yourself with this organization before you undertake in your burlesquing way to put them in bad light with the entire country.

Do you ever read the Bible, Mr. Gaskill? Suppose you read the second chapter of Acts and see what kind of a meeting is described there. I wonder what kind of a report you would have written up on that meeting.

We have heretofore received the finest of cooperation from the press and I would be glad to give you the names of editors all over the country for reference. Our people are well thought of everywhere they are known. We hope you will see the error of your way and conform more closely to truth and right in your future reports. —Yours very truly, E. L. Simmons, Editor.

For the information of our readers, the Church of God at Cedar Springs is in a community which is predominantly populated with members of a church that does not believe in a heartfelt religion. The Church of God there, which is a very flourishing church, is made up principally of those who were one time members of that church, but who have found out that they can really have old time, heartfelt religion, and are enjoying that experience. The whole affair has grown out of a religious prejudice on the part of many of those who have tried continuously to break up the Church of God services and failed. God has undertaken and blessed the little church and we believe that He will undertake for those who are now on trial. The case was not brought to trial at the last term of court, but has been put off until September.

continue to pray for me. I am not completely healed yet.—J. C. Cox, Box 2, Hudson, Fla.

## California State Convention

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Pauls' ministry there until anyone whom they receive and recommend will enjoy a warm reception by their many friends. Speaking of reception and entertainment, Fresno is numbered with the best. While I do not remember the number on the committee, I must pay tribute to Sister Stokel and those associated with her. Her untiring efforts, congenial smile and a spirit that gave the consideration to the needs and comfort of every delegate won for her a warm place in the hearts of the visitors.

Brother I. L. Benge, state overseer, has a good influence there. People love him for his unselfish efforts, for his glowing

## Question Box

**Question:** Did the five wise virgins in the 25th chapter of Matthew represent the bride, or was there another watching with them who was the bride?—R. T.

**Answer:** It is the opinion of the Editor that the parable of the virgins was given to represent Israel and the Church. The five foolish virgins represented Israel who did not accept Him when He came. The wise virgins represent the Church, which is Gentile. Both Israel and the Church are referred to in the Bible as virgins.

**Question:** In the 12th chapter of Hebrews does the chastening mean trials which finish our faith, as he said in verse 2 and as given in the preceding chapter?—L. S.

**Answer:** The chastening of the Lord is a rebuke from Him. It may come to us from others, and even though it may be that they are doing wrong, God uses it to our benefit, that we may correct such mistakes as we have made and learn to obey Him more fully and walk more closely after His counsel. Such a chastening which may come for our mistakes will only drive us closer to God if we are His sons, and in this we know that God loves us for if He paid no attention to our mistakes His love would not be shown. Verse 7 clarifies the matter, "For what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" So all of God's children are chastened for their mistakes and many of those things that come upon us as trials of our faith come because of our mistakes.

**Question:** Please explain how John the Baptist got his name?—C. P.

**Answer:** There is only one answer to this question. John the Baptist got his name by being a baptizer and not because of any church affiliation. He was a baptist because he baptized.

spiritual life, his humility, his yielding all to God and his boldness to take the lead, not only in standing for the truth, but also insisting that the Holy Ghost must be given right of way.

Back to Brother and Sister Pauls. Their's is like clock work, and a well-timed, oiled, and automatically-wound clock at that, and like the hands of the clock—always moving forward. There was no back-firing or back-action with them. "All for Christ" is their motto and "Go forward with His gospel" is their battle cry; "Make ready for His coming" is their urge; "Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation" is their warning. Being with them three days and enjoying the fellowship in the Spirit and the hospitality of their home makes one not only glad that he is privileged to live in 1940, but also inspires him to be a more devoted minister and Christian, acquire a closer walk with God and be more considerate of his fellowman, and gives him a determination to double up in his sacrificing service for the cause of right.

Yes, the Church of God is moving forward in California, and with proper attention the time will soon come when it will surprise the larger states, I believe. Only give it God-ordained, qualified workers and watch for good reports. This convention was a blessed and glorious success indeed, and no doubt a forerunner of a much greater one to follow. Keep your eyes on California and if you have a listening ear keep it tuned in.

California is in need of laborers, it's a white field, it's ready for harvest, it needs men who know the gospel and can preach it, preach it unselfishly and unflinchingly but in love and humility. It needs men who understand the Church, how to present the Church in a scriptural way. There are multiplied thousands of souls who know God in that section of the country and I feel that it is just a matter of short time until they will be happy to come to the Church of God for they are hungry for a church home. Oh, Church of the living God, the time has come when you should rise and let your light shine in that needy part of the Lord's vineyard. Every reader, please, please pray that God may move upon the hearts of those who can really do things for Him. Amen.

**IMPERIAL, Calif.** — I am just home from the California state convention. It is wonderful to see so many bright, shining faces and to hear Brother R. P. Johnson and so many others preach, and the good singing. The convention was wonderful but there will be one where we will not be separated or say good-bye.

We praise the Lord for our overseer, Brother Benge, and our pastor, Brother Vail and his wife. We are few in number

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### YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

#### Baptists Praying For Power

A statement in the *Baptist and Reflector*, published at Nashville, Tennessee, dated May 13, 1920, indicates that many of the Baptists are becoming awakened to the need of Pentecostal power. The statement follows. "Our prayer should be that our God would give unto this Southern Baptist host another Pentecost in this great world hour, so much so that our young men would see visions and our old men dream dreams, that God's Spirit should be poured out upon us and that our sons and daughters should prophesy, that the world might hear the story of love and witness the manifestation of His power." The above named paper has the good wishes of the Evangel in launching a program of that kind. We can join with them in this prayer because we want Baptists as well as anybody else to be baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, and speak in tongues like all others who receive that wonderful baptism of power for which they are praying.

#### Report From Headquarters

Three hundred and eighteen churches reported for April that showed \$7,871.64 tithes paid into the treasury. This is something to encourage the pastors and evangelists. A great plan for meeting the needs of every minister is gradually maturing. Praise the Lord!

Editor's note: For April of this year, approximately 1,400 churches reported and \$62,800.00 tithes was paid into the treasuries. This does not figure the churches in foreign fields where they do not speak English and report to their district headquarters, nor to mission money raised.

#### From the Battlefield

Tony Ford of Bompas Creek, Illinois, reports: Brother T. S. Payne has just closed a few days' meeting. The saints were wonderfully built up. The other churches in the state are progressing nicely.

but we have the promise. We are expecting great things from the Lord.

I thank the Lord for the Evangel and Lighted Pathway. I thank Him for His wonderful love and for the way He leads on to victory. Pray for me.—Rhoda C. Hall, Box 523.

## HELL AND HADES or WHERE ARE THE DEAD

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if we can find out where Jesus went that day of His DEATH and where He said He would meet the THIEF on the cross, we shall know where the place called PARADISE is. Read Acts 2:25-31. David is quoted here as saying, "Because thou wilt not leave my SOUL in HELL (HADES), neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption." Now the Word of God says that Jesus descended into HADES though He did not remain there. So we have located PARADISE in HADES. It corresponds to the place where we find Lazarus and Abraham in Luke, 16th chapter.

### PARADISE MOVED

Now turn to 2 Cor. 12:3, 4 and read. Here Paul says that this man possibly himself was caught "up into PARADISE" at the cross. Paradise was in HADES. There must have been a change in the location of Paradise some time between the cross and 2 Cor. 12. Paradise is moved from below to HEAVEN. This is how David cries out in Psa. 16: 9, 10. When and how did this transfer take place? Eph. 4:8-10 gives the answer. Jesus first descended into the lower parts of the earth, then ascended up far above all heavens, etc. This was His mission then when He went to preach "unto the spirits that were in prison." 1 Peter 3: 18, 19. When did He ascend? On that first Easter Day. In John 20 Jesus forbids Mary to touch Him for He was not yet ascended to the Father. Yet on that same Easter evening He invites the disciples to handle Him and see that He is not a spirit, while in the morning He forbade Mary to touch Him. Something had happened during that day. He had ascended to the Father. He had led CAPTIVITY captive, released the saints in HADES and transferred them to PARADISE above. So now the only occupants that are left in HADES are the LOST and the SAVED SIDE has been emptied by the removal of PARADISE to HEAVEN. Since then all the SAINTS at death go to PARADISE above and the WICKED are cast down to HADES.

### WHERE IS HADES

Where is this place? In Eph. 4:9 we are told that it is in the lower parts of the earth. Somewhere in the heart of the earth there is a BURNING where the souls of the damned are kept till the judgment at the great white throne, when they will be resurrected and cast, BODY and SOUL, into HELL. Science tells us that the CORE of the earth is a POOL of FIRE and now and then we see THE SAFETY VALVE OF HADES in the terrific volcanic eruptions where TONS and TONS of molten matter are belched forth upon the surface. The location of HADES then is in the LOW-

ER PARTS OF THE EARTH. That is where Jesus went when He brought deliverance to the SAINTS and led them forth in triumph on that first Easter Day. Here then is the resume of this first part, under the Old Dispensations HADES was the place where all the souls of men went at death, a place of consciousness and memory. At the resurrection of Christ the saints were released because the price was paid in full and transferred to glory above, and are awaiting the first resurrection when they will be joined with their glorified, resurrected bodies, to be forever with the Lord. The lost remain in HADES, in the place of torment, till we see them come forth at the judgment of the wicked dead.

### HELL

Now for the scriptures on HELL. The word "hell" is used only twelve times in the Bible, and all these in the New Testament. It is very remarkable that in all but one of the places where it is mentioned it is used by the Savior Himself. The one exception is in James 3:6 where James is speaking concerning the gossips, and he likens their TONGUE to the fires of HELL. The word for "hell" in the Greek is "gehenna," a word derived from "hinnom," and in its earliest setting referred to the Valley of Hinnom where human sacrifices were to be made. It was a valley where SONS and DAUGHTERS were offered by FIRE to the GODS. See 2 Chron. 33:6; Jer. 7:31. Later it was associated with the valley outside Jerusalem where refuse of the city was dumped. Here thousands of sacrifices were thrown and the hot Oriental sun rotted them. A fire was always kept burning and the whole mass not burning was teeming with WORMS and corruption. A stench rose up day and night from the putrid mass. This place is used as a figure of the future place of the DAMNED. You say it is only a figure, then how terrible must be the reality. Jesus called it the place where the fire never goes out and the worm never dies, a place of eternal torment and woe. It will be forever and ever.

### THE PURPOSE OF HELL

Hell was never made for man. That adds to the terribleness of it for man will be cast into a place not made for him but it was made for DEVILS. Jesus at the judgment of nations, Matt. 25, will say to them on the left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting FIRE prepared for the DEVIL and his ANGELS." Gen. 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." No mention is made here of HELL. There was yet no sin, hence no need for HELL. At some time later HELL was prepared for the DEVIL and his ANGELS. They sinned first and

HELL was made for them but into it shall all SINNERS be cast.

### FALSE PROPHET AND THE BEAST FIRST OCCUPANTS

There were TWO MEN in the Old Testament who went to HEAVEN without dying. They were Enoch and Elijah. So there are TWO INDIVIDUALS who shall be cast into HELL without dying. They are described as the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET of Rev. 19. These BOTH were cast ALIVE into the LAKE of FIRE burning them with brimstone. Then a thousand years later Satan who had been bound in the PIT (not hell) is also thrown into HELL. "And the DEVIL that deceived them was cast into a LAKE of fire and brimstone where the BEAST and the FALSE PROPHET are and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." Rev. 20:10. Then follows the great white throne judgment. Nothing could be plainer than what God's Word says about the subject of HELL and HADES. Where then, my dear reader, is the destiny of your soul? Have you found the peace of God? If death should overtake you, where would your soul go? Your body would go to dust but your soul, your real self, would it go up to PARADISE in GLORY or would your soul be consigned to the lower parts of the earth in awful torment and agony until the judgment of the wicked dead, then to be taken from HADES and united with your body to be cast into a place a thousand times worse; namely, HELL, in the place where the devil and his angels will be your companions forever and ever? Oh, answer the question today! The price was paid by Jesus. He descended into the lower parts of the earth. He felt the pangs of your sins. "Come now, let us reason together: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be like wool." "He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment but is passed from death unto life."

May God give you grace to accept Him. May He use this message to cause you to seek refuge in Him who alone is able to save. Amen.

### REPORTS

A revival is reported at Coalmont, Ind., with John Sharp as evangelist. Nine prayed through to victory, seventeen united with the church. Reported by George Starkey.

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Oak Hill, W. Va., reports a wonderful revival with Sallie M. Herron doing the preaching. Three were saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Elizabeth Bunch, clerk.



#### PRAY FOR—

The healing of a nephew who is in a terrible condition both mentally and spiritually.—Mrs. Annie Miller, 1816 Burwell Ave., Louisville, Ky.

Our revival.—B. E. Ellis, pastor, Dyerburg, Tenn.

Robert Caboniss who is very ill in the hospital at Columbia, S. C.—Alberta Cooper, Lockhart, S. C.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and indigestion; me to receive the Holy Ghost. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—Octavie Shedd, Rt. 1, Townley, Ala.

Me to be healed of a severe headache and throat trouble; my family.—Rosa Borden, Rt. 1, Guys, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter, Mrs. Edgar Pack, Cardiff, Md., whose arm is broken; she and her husband to get closer to the Lord; me.—Mrs. Laura Watson, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Unspoken request; the healing of my husband.—Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

Me to be healed of a tumor; my nerves; my husband to be healed of a hurting in his breast; my children and loved ones to be saved; two unspoken requests.—Zoro Starns, Barnhill, Ill.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and arthritis in my knee. Letters appreciated.—Mrs. Florence E. Sturm, Rt. 2, Statesboro, Ga.

My home to be a holy one; my husband and children to be saved; me to draw closer to the Lord.—Nettie Daniels, Rt. 3, Box 103, Eupora, Miss.

Unspoken request; the healing of my body of nervousness.—Myrtle Frix, Erwin Hill, Ga.

Brother G. B. Booth, Rt. 1, Roanoke, Va., to be healed of stomach trouble; his wife to be healed.—R. S. Lyons, Pulaski, Va.

Me to be healed of a cancer on my head.—Mrs. Pearl Thornton, Rt. 1, Patterson, Ga.

Very urgent request that God will undertake soon; a young girl that God will touch her mind and save her soul; her young sister; our revival here; me to be faithful.—Mrs. Eva Smith, 1853 Champaign, Toledo, Ohio.

My back to be healed. Please send an anointed cloth, if led; it will be appreciated. My daughter to be healed.—Mrs. Lewis Larrison, West Bend, Ky.

Our church that the hindering cause may be removed; our Sunday School and Y. P. E. to grow; my children to be healed, D. V.; me to get closer to the Lord.—L. M., Keysville, Va.

Me to be saved, sanctified and filled

with the Holy Ghost; my wife to be faithful.—Alfred Talley, Rt. 1, Steppville, Ala.

God to save, sanctify and fill me with the Holy Ghost.—Ivan Boswell, Rt. 1, Marietta, Ohio.

My husband to be delivered of the drink habit and that we will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please, saints, pray earnestly for our home. Letters of encouragement highly appreciated. Pray for the Church of God here.—Mrs. Ruthie Gipson, Rt. 2, Hixson, Tenn.

My wife's health to be better; my healing, I have suffered two weeks and I am so weak.—Edd Lynchard, Rt. 1, Cleveland, Miss.

My husband to be healed of ulcer of the stomach and rheumatism and filled with the Holy Ghost; me to be completely healed; our faith to be increased; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. S. P. Daus, 1001 Main St., Bogalusa, La.

My husband to be saved.—Novie Raulerson, Rt. 1, Sanderson, Fla.

Our church, the enemy is working; my feet to be healed.—Sister L. M. Bowen, Kingsvale, Riverside P. O., Hanover, Jam.

My health to be restored; God to undertake for us and supply our needs.—Mrs. V. L. Henry, Lyons, Ga.

God to bless my efforts in getting a Church of God in Pineville, Ky.; God to care for my husband and sanctify him.—Sister Mecie Brown, Carbon Hill, Ala.

My neighbor's home; their son to be saved; his father and mother to get closer to the Lord and receive the Holy Ghost; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Laura Watson, Tellico Plains, Tenn.

Unspoken request; God to save a man and help him do right.—Mrs. Cumy L. Stone, Childress, Tex.

My faith to be increased; God to provide some way for me to get closer to the Church of God; my husband and children to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost; the people here; God to send us a soul-stirring revival.—Jinnie Smith, Rt. 2, Grove Hill, Ala.

Brother Arvel Helms' baby to be healed, she can't be here long unless God undertakes; the healing of my eyes.—Mrs. Nora Harmon, Rt. 1, Box 23, Isola, Miss.

My mother to be healed of kidney trouble; me to be faithful.—Mrs. Virginia Sims, Mile, Miss.

God to make a way for me to go to church; my loved ones to be saved; my home; my brother to come back home.—Miss Vida Askins, Rt. 1, Box 270, Matthews, Mo.

Brother Lonnie Cockraft to be healed of dropsy and other afflictions.—Mrs. Dorris Brewer, Union, Miss.

My husband to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost.—Dorothy Wells, By-

ington, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter who is in a terrible condition.—Roby Wilson, Rt. 2, Fyffe, Ala.

Our revival.—Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 156, Burkeville, Va.

Our revival in Richmond; me; my loved ones to be saved; my mother to be healed and receive the full blessings of God.—Mrs. R. L. Greene, Rt. 6, Box 361, Richmond, Va.

Me to be healed of a tumor.—Othie Cadle, Double Springs, Ala.

Me to be healed of throat trouble and my soul to be saved.—J. A. Bailey, Double Springs, Ala.

Me to be healed of spinal trouble.—Mrs. Agnes Tidwell, Star Rt., Double Springs, Ala.

Our young people here at Newberry to get salvation; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. W. T. Chance, Rt. 1, Box 133, Newberry, Fla.

The healing of Sister Carrie Miller. Encouraging letters and anointed cloth appreciated. Her address is Rt. 1, Blairsville, Ga. — Eddis Wiggins, Blairsville, Ga.

My loved ones to be saved; our revival; me.—Mrs. J. B. Tyndall, Goldsboro, N.C.

Unspoken requests.—C. J. Norris, Mataka, W. Va.

#### NOTES

##### From My Letters

J. H. Walker, *General Overseer*

Good news from Alabama.

"Our convention in the new church in Piedmont last Sunday was fine. The mission offering \$311.60. — Sincerely, H. L. Chesser, State Overseer."

May God continue to bless our people in Alabama.

News from Easton, Maryland.

"Just a few lines to tell you how God is blessing in Easton, Maryland. Yesterday we raised \$350.00 cash beside some pledges on our indebtedness here. Praise God! Oh how God did bless,—such a service, such weeping, such shouting, such praising God—no preaching, the Holy Ghost took complete charge. Hallelujah! We will never be able to forget that service. Some said it was the best they had ever witnessed. Our Sunday School is increasing every Sunday. The lowest we had this month was 105, our highest 115."

May God continue to bless you there, Brother R. F. Koszewitz.

"We are progressing nicely, our homecomings are going over nicely. Roberts Chapel with sixteen members raised \$64.12 (for missions). We have no doubt

about our \$1.00 per member drive going over. We can't afford to fail.—Yours very sincerely, Clyde C. Cox, Overseer of Louisiana."

I have just received a card from Sister Edna Kipe of Glendale, West Virginia, on which she states:

"I would like for you to put a piece in the Evangel to show the Church that I am still in the Church of God with headquarters in Cleveland, Tennessee, with J. H. Walker as General Overseer; still preaching the same doctrine that I was saved under and the same that I preached when God called me into the ministry about fourteen years ago."

"We have some more good news from California. Brother R. C. Ogle set a new church in order in Malaga, California, last Thursday, May 9, with seventeen members, and several more to come in later, for which we thank God.

"Also, everything is looking better here in Huntington Beach. Good spirit in every service so far. I think everything will work out all right. Pray for us."—Sincerely yours, I. L. Benge, overseer."

"Just closed a district convention in Baltimore. Had a wonderful convention. The preaching was good, we had 281 in Sunday School, mission offering was \$160.00, we received \$14.17 for orphanage."

I understand their increase in mission offerings over last year thus far is \$255.51.

May God continue to bless and help you there, Brother Milligan.

#### Good News From California

"We had a glorious convention, it was the greatest that we have ever had, in attendance and in spirit. There was the sweetest spirit, and there wasn't a friction in the entire convention. There wasn't a word spoken out of place. Every word was seasoned with grace. Every minister was at his best and anointed. Several made the remark that it was equal to the General Assembly in spirit.

"The 50x90 building was far too small. It was filled even in the day services, and at night they were standing up inside and outside and all around the building. A great number of people couldn't get inside."

This good news comes from the state overseer, Rev. I. L. Benge.

#### Telegrams

Dear Brother Walker: We had a wonderful convention at Rome. Every church over the top. Orphanage offering one hundred dollars fifty cents. Mission offering two hundred dollars fifty cents. Berryton church paid off one dollar per member which was one hundred three

dollars. Also Rome church gave eighteen dollars on the one dollar per member. I am happy to stand at the head of this grand army of Georgians who know no retreat or defeat.—Earl P. Paulk, overseer of Georgia.

Beckley district convention excellent. Mission offering over three hundred dollars. Everything going fine. Expecting wonderful state convention. — M. P. Cross, overseer of West Virginia.

#### Editorials

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you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." But this scripture signifies that certain things have to be known before they will be brought to remembrance. The idea that men need no teacher other than the direct teaching of the Holy Ghost is certainly erroneous, for according to Eph. 4:11 pastors and teachers are set in the Church. If there were no need for human instrumentality as teachers, such a passage would not have appeared in our Bible.

A recent letter called to our attention reads, "I have been saved three years and filled with the good Holy Ghost for over two years, and I am thankful I never needed any other teacher." The writer further states, "I'll tell you what we need is not a library," etc., and in his continuation this young man condemns all books except the Bible and continuing his letter he brands all other books than the Bible "books of lies." It must be remembered that the Bible is not a school book and that we had to learn to read from other books before we could read the Bible, that we acquired knowledge concerning many other things which the Bible does not give. The Bible is that spiritual Book of life. The Spirit of God Himself directs our spiritual life in accordance with that Book but nowhere in the Bible are men justified in ignorance. I am reminded of a convention of a non-progressive church held many years ago back in the mountains of Kentucky in which a preacher who led in prayer prayed in substance as follows: "Lord, we thank thee that we have never rubbed our backs against a college wall. Lord, we thank you that we have never seen a college. Lord, we thank you because we are ignorant. O God, make us more ignorant." Such a prayer certainly is not in line with the teachings of the Word of God. The Apostle Paul, who was himself a scholar, a literary genius, said to the young man Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God." Then again in that good government that God has designed should be in His Church, we are told in 1 Corinthians 12:28 that God has set in it helps, so we conclude that God's Word is first, that His Spirit will direct

us as we study in accordance with His Word and submit to teachers that are placed in His body for the purpose of imparting instructions, and that we should accept all those things which are real helps to us as coming from and belonging to God.

#### Mission Page

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a kind of indescribable appealing look in their eyes. Many times as they are passing by, they will stop near you; they will not stare, but will glance at you occasionally, as if they longed to be in your presence but did not want to intrude. The children have a very pleasant look with their eyes sparkling and a slight smile on their face; especially when they are singing, they look so pleasant and happy. But because of the hard and strenuous work which they begin at five or six years of age they soon become worn and their bodies broken. Most of them even before they become thirty years of age have completely lost their health or have passed on into eternity.

Salvation of course has made a great change in their lives and has brought peace and joy which they never knew anything about before. The great masses have no joy, no peace, no happiness and no song—only those who are saved sing. Some others who attend the services are learning to sing and do try to take a part. It was a great day for Haiti when the Church of God was established here. Hundreds have received the blessing but there are still millions who know nothing about this great experience. This is a ripe field. There is an open door. The door of the gospel has been closed in many countries. We know not how soon it may close here. Now is the time for us to push the work with all our might.

#### Full Salvation

HOLLY GROVE, Ark.—I praise Jesus for the many blessings to me. I thank Him for full salvation. How sweet to trust in Jesus who answers prayers and heals when we get sick. He has healed me this winter when I was suffering terribly. I am determined by the help of God to live to see the end of a Christian life. I am looking for His soon coming.—Mary Gannon, Rt. 2.

#### Kidney Trouble Healed

REDELM, S. Dak.—I praise and thank the Lord for healing me of kidney trouble. He has been so good to me. The Lord has saved and sanctified me and blessed me many times. Please pray that I will hold on to Him and let Him use me the way He wishes.—Freda Martin.

